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BOARD OF HEALTH ORDERS SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED

HEALTH CONDITIONS IN BOROUGH ARE MORE SERIOUS THAN BEFORE

Pneumonia Follows Many Cases Attacked With New Malady

OUTBREAK REPORTED IN DONORA

At a special meeting of the Board of Health, held at the Borough Building, a resolution was presented and unanimously approved that the public and parochial schools of the borough remain closed until further notice; and that in private schools no pupils be admitted who are under 18 years of age.

In conformity with this resolution Health Officer Darby is notifying all parties concerned of the action of the Board and a strict compliance with the order is expected.

In taking this step the Health Board was guided largely by the opinion and warning of Surgeon General Blue, of the United States Public Health Service, who at the time the first epidemic of influenza was at its height, said that the malady would in all probability be followed by another outbreak which in some respects would be more serious than the first attack. From the number of cases already reported in Charleroi, there being over 300 according to Health Board figures, it is apparent that a recurrence of the malady is now under way here. The most dangerous feature of this present-day epidemic is the fact that the attack in many cases turn into pneumonia, and already there have been three deaths. Other features of a very serious nature enter into this trouble, which makes it most critical, and which is giving the physicians a great deal of concern. In fact some of the physicians do not hesitate to pronounce the present epidemic much more serious than the first wave, which caused so much havoc in Charleroi.

In speaking of the report issued with reference to the number of pupils who were out of school this time last year it is pointed out that a year ago the community was not facing a calamity such as prevailed in Charleroi only a short time ago and which caused so many deaths. The cases reported today, say the Board of Health, are much more serious than those of a year ago or even any other year so far as they know, because of the epidemic which they are succeeding.

In taking the step of closing the schools, the Health Board points out that Surgeon General Blue, in his warning of two months ago, said the recurrence of the trouble would be likely to start in the schools of a community for which reason the Board deemed it advisable to keep

APPROVE BONUS PAY FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Resolutions calling upon the United States government to give all soldiers, sailors and marines three months' pay allowance after they are discharged from the service were adopted at a brief session of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg on Monday night. These resolutions will be forwarded to the Pennsylvania Senators and Representatives at Washington.

TO HOLD INQUEST ON THURSDAY

Coroner James W. Heffran has arranged to hold an inquest on Thursday morning at West Brownsville to inquire into the death of James Fowler, the young man shot and fatally wounded there on last Wednesday evening, following the hold-up and robbery of Richard Dobson. The shot was fired by Thomas Dickinson, a constable of Centerville borough. Officer Dickinson has been released under \$5,000 bail.

Charles Judd, alleged to have been implicated with Fowler in the hold-up of Dobson, is in jail, as is also Dobson pending the investigation by the coroner. Judd is a parolee from Huntingdon, and will likely be returned there. The coroner has learned, during his investigation, that a woman whose name has not been learned, had gone to Justice Eckles of West Brownsville, prior to the hold-up of Dobson, and complained she had been accosted by Fowler and Judd.

P. H. C. Meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. sharp. Balloting and initiation of candidates. Music and refreshments to follow. Friends invited to the social program. 193-td.

them closed for an indefinite period. As to children and those under 18 years of age congregating in crowds on the streets and in front of places of amusement, the Board is going to request the local police to break up this habit and if necessary the assistance of the Home Defense Police will be requested.

According to statements made by the Health Board every precaution will be taken to prevent any further spread of the disease.

It is also reported that the malady has broken out in Donora, which town was stricken most severely last fall. Quite a number of cases are already reported and some apprehension is felt in that town over the outcome.

Plan Great Highways In Allegheny County

The commissioners of Allegheny county have a great program for road building, which they hope to put in effect during the coming season. Commissioner Gilbert Myer advocates that all county roads shall have a width of not less than 60 feet. This does not mean that they will be improved to that width. Improvement will only be of the width necessary to carry traffic, but as the population and traffic grow, there will be great wide roads that will make magnificent streets for the future "City of Allegheny County."

These roads as well as the new bridges to be erected over the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, will memorialize the boys who fought the great war.

Donora School Teachers Are Out On A Strike

Donora has a school strike. Usually such affairs are on the part of the pupils, but this time it is the teachers who have walked out, and all because the school board is reported to have failed to stand behind them when it came to disciplining some of the pupils of the high school.

According to the story, one afternoon last week some of the girl pupils of the high school "out" recitations and attended a picture show at one of the theatres in that town. When the pupils reported to their teachers the next morning they were told that as a result of this disobedience of rules they would be penalized and that all of them would be required to remain for a certain time after school each day for a period of thirty days.

The students immediately took the matter up with the school board which according to report, failed to stand behind the teachers, and rescinded the order for the punishment of the theatre-going pupils. This action on the part of the school board apparently did not meet with favor on the part of the teachers, not only of those directly concerned, but embraced all of those in the different buildings. Consequently when the scholars reported to the schools the next morning they were informed by their teachers there would be no school that day, and in fact intimated that sessions had been suspended indefinitely. In other words, the teachers "walked out," and so far

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SHIFTING OF OFFICERS SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS IN THE 28TH DIVISION

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No Explanation Given as to Why So Many Were Removed

ONE GUARD GENERAL REMAINED

It is likely that as an aftermath of the war an investigation will be made by the proper officers looking into certain charges concerning the removal of high officers in the Twenty-eighth Division, the old Pennsylvania National Guard.

The Division trained at Camp Hancock, Ga., and prior to its departure for overseas duty, a general shake-up in the general officers took place. The commanding officer of the Division, Gen. Clement, was mustered out of the service after his return from Europe, where he was sent as an observer; two brigadier generals commanding Infantry brigades were removed, and all of these officers were supplanted by Regular Army men. But one general officer of the old Guard, Gen. Price, in command of the Artillery Brigade, survived the many changes, being allowed to retain his position. A number of Colonels were also removed, although no Regular Army officers took their places while the Division was in this country.

After the arrival overseas many other changes took place, involving not alone brigade but likewise regimental commands, but for what reason the people in this country are not informed. Informations come from abroad that one of the officers in charge of one of the Infantry brigades in this Division was supplanted for good and sufficient reasons, and his place temporarily taken by Gen. Nolan, chief of the military intelligence overseas, and he made quite a record for dash and bravery. Maj. General Weigel is also spoken of as being in charge of one of the brigades for a time, but as it is not customary to place Major Generals in charge of brigades, there must have been some powerful underlying cause to bring about such a condition.

The people of Pennsylvania will watch with interest any developments looking toward the explanation for these many changes, for which so far no reasons have been assigned by the war department.

Annie Lasack

At the Charleroi-Monessen hospital Monday, January 20 Annie Lasack, aged 50 years. Funeral from the residence of her brother at 929 McKeen avenue, with services at St. Jerome's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at Coal Centre.

Mrs. Georgianna Castor was the guest of her sister Mrs. G. W. Sickman of Pittsburg.

COMPLIMENTARY TO MAJOR EDWIN M'KAY

"The Caduceus," the camp paper published at Base Hospital, Camp McClellan, Alabama, in its issue of January 18, has the following very complimentary reference to Major Edwin McKay, who recently returned from army service to resume the practice of his profession in Charleroi. "Probably no departure since the beginning of the demobilization of the Army has caused a greater void in the hearts of those at the Base Hospital than that of Major Edwin McKay, who received his discharge and left Monday for his home in Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

"Among the first to offer his services upon announcement of the urgent need of Medical Officers, this worthy Scot, disdaining offers of political influence for a higher grade, accepted a commission as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, underwent the vicissitudes of a season at the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Greendale, Georgia, and as Lieutenant McKay, joined the Base Hospital at Camp McClellan, in November, 1917. His already recognized administrative ability had placed him on the Surgeon General's list of officers destined for duty as commanding officer of overseas hospitals. It is known that Base Hospital 127, organized at this camp, was to have crossed the seas under command of Lieutenant Colonel McKay. That a highly successful military career was cut short at the signing of the armistice is not a matter of conjecture with those who knew this highly esteemed officer.

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INFAMY CONFESSED
If any citizen of recent Teutonic extraction or pro-German of any sort in this country still believes or still professes to believe that the whole lot of Berlin, France and British manufactures deliberately fabricated the war, and stirred up the people of the United States, what is he going to do with the continuing confession of Maximilian Harden, the Berlin editor of Die Zukunft? The last outgiving of Harden, who seems determined to make a clean breast of it, reads as follows:

"We had fifty-one months of domination in Belgium, accompanied by the theft of raw materials, machinery and merchandise of all sorts and of \$750,000,000 in money, currency and bank notes, with the violation of individual rights, forced labor, deportations, and even at the last moment with pillage and destruction of towns. Then there has been the devastation of northern France, with the deliberate destruction of cathedrals, monuments, factories and fruit trees; also air bombardments, such as are contrary to the usages of war and the torpedoing of passenger steamers and hospital ships. The list of our deeds comprises also secret compacts with the Irish and the Flemings, the introduction of disease bacilli by means of shells. On all sides there has been corruption, fraud, theft, the open or secret violation of all rights, while entire fields have been soaked with blood, as in the case of the Armenians. With all that we have been defeated. Can we wonder that not one voice is raised in favor of Germany?"

This sums up Germany's career of infamy throughout the war about as completely as any similarly brief statement could be expected to do. Of course it leaves unmentioned many abominable and shocking particulars but added to Harden's previous confessions, as, for example, his blunt declaration that Germany won all her victories by "dirty tricks" such as poison gas and other outlawed means, it covers the ground fairly well. What are the lingeringly pro-German apologists or stubborn adherents of the lost German cause going to do about it? How can they continue, even in the privacy of now retired circles, to talk of "calumny" and boast of German superiority in "Kultur," or advanced civilization, as well as in military power? Those who persist after all that has happened and been confessed, will render privately if not publicly affirmative answer to that interesting and by no means unimportant query that has been made in the form of a paraphrase of the title of the reference book of distinguished persons: "What's next?"

POST-WAR PROBLEM
In a statement dated January 6, 1919, the Secretary of War discusses the problem presented by the advanced temporary rank of army officers. In this connection he states: "We have an anomalous situation: a very large number of men from the Regular Army have been promoted from lieutenant to captains, and captains to colonels, and so forth, and after a man has been doing duty with troops in war as a colonel it is pretty hard to revert back to a lower rank. The problem of how to stabilize rank is a serious one and one that cannot be solved until Congress decides what to do about the bill for the Army. If Congress provides for an army of half a million men (and so on) I have talked with

and considers the welfare of certain Regular Army officers, he seems inclined to lose sight of the far more important matter of the welfare of the country generally. Of course it will be proper enough to treat Regular Army officers as fairly as may be possible in connection with whatever peace-time military establishment we may have, but for the head of the war department to let the matter of the personal feelings of a comparatively few Regular Army officers regarding a possible reduction in rank affect in any way his action or influence in reference to the size of our Regular Army would be most unfortunate.

AUTHORITY QUESTIONED
Now that the war is over, the Railroads of the United States are in a state of confusion. A number of state orders have been issued by state courts, and a number of federal orders have been issued by the Federal Director General of Railroads. Then, too, in certain instances, injunctions have been issued by state courts against the application of these federal rates to state shipments.

It is reported that the Director General will not permit the railroads to comply with any such orders or injunctions; however, the situation is a very delicate one and will require careful handling to avoid serious trouble, particularly since the rate involves a number of constitutional questions as to which the views of some of the best lawyers in the country are decidedly at variance. In this connection it may be interesting to note the fact that a few days ago, when Mr. McAdoo appeared before the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission to urge the extension of the period of Federal operation of the railroads to five years, the question was raised by certain Senators as to whether the Federal Government had any authority whatever, under the Constitution, to hold the railroads a single day after the close of the war. Under the circumstances it seems very likely that proceedings in the Federal courts will be instituted for the purpose of determining the legal status of this entire matter.

MAY VISIT AMERICA.
It now appears that, as one of the results of President Wilson's trip to Europe, America will have the privilege of entertaining the heads of the Governments of England, France and possibly Italy. In this connection President Poincaré of France has just announced the fact that he will probably make a trip to America next June or July. There is also a reason to believe that King George of England will visit this country in the near future; and while there has as yet been no definite announcement regarding the matter, there seems to be but little doubt that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy will also return to the President's visit to Italy, by making a trip to the United States. Should all of these rulers decide to come the United States will be glad to see them.

FEW OF THEM BLIND
While the number of casualties in the American army as a result of the war is not known, it is estimated that about 100,000 men were killed and 1,000,000 were wounded. Of these, it is estimated that only 10,000 were blinded. This is a small number, considering the total number of casualties.

The historian will undoubtedly conclude that Theodore Roosevelt's greatest service to his country brought him also his widest and most enduring popularity. In waging effective war on the former system of organized corruption which involved a virtual partnership between "big business" and the dominant political party ever at a time when that corrupt system was his own he stood

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Charles Paul aged 10 years son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Paul of Parkersburg, W. Va. died Sunday morning. Death was due to pneumonia. The family is well known in Charleroi, Mr. Paul being employed by U. S. Orange. Mrs. Paul was formerly Miss Xee Hornell of Charleroi. Funeral services were held this afternoon with interment at Parkersburg.

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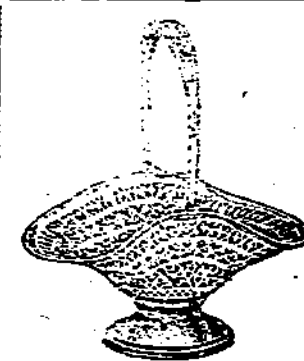
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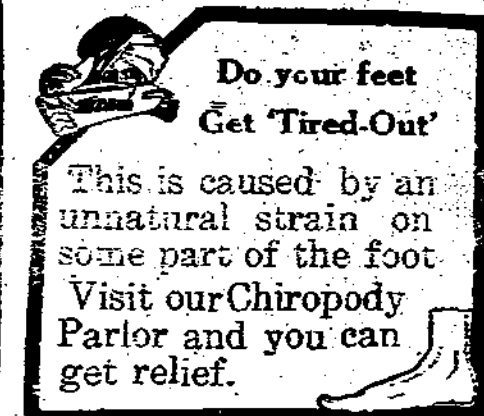
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